

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin J. McKernan

Application No.: 10/042,923

Group: 1651

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For: Methods and Reagents for the Isolation of Nucleic Acids

Date: May 11, 2005EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV 215891114 USPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004 for three month(s) from February 12, 2005 to May 12, 2005 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

In lieu of the specified Reply, Applicants are filing a Continuation application concurrently herewith. The Petition for Extension of Time is being filed to maintain the copendency of the instant application.

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